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Receipts and expenditure on account of the Power-house in the Engineering College at Guindy.

* 174 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to lay on the table of this House a statement showing the details of working expenses on behalf of the Power-house in the Engineering College, Guindy, for the last five years ending with 1932–33 and the revenue receipts from the Power-house, if any, for each of these years?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the annual reports of the College the latest of which for the year 1932-33 has recently been placed in the Council Library.

Provision of facilities to the students of the Engineering College, Guindy, for practical training in electrical machinery.

* 175 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many students are there in each class of the electrical course in the Engineering College, Guindy;

(*b*) whether there are any Power-houses in this Presidency other than that at the Engineering College at Guindy which give facilities for practical training in electrical machinery to Indian students;

(*c*) whether the Special Officer has proposed any measures to provide adequate facilities to Indian students for practical training if the College Power-house is closed down; and

(*d*) whether any capital expenditure on new machinery has to be incurred if power is taken from the other sources; if so, whether the probable amount has been estimated and what the estimated cost and recurring expenditure required are?

A.—(*a*) The hon. Member is referred to the annual reports on the working of the College.

(*b*) Attention is invited to rule 17 of the College rules in which the Madras Electricity Department and the Madras Electric Supply Corporation Power Station have been recognized for the purpose of practical training.

(*c*) There is no proposal to close the Power-house.

(*d*) The question is under consideration.

Reconstitution of the Madras Text-Book Committee.

* 176 *Q.*—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Members in the Madras Text-Book Committee;

(*b*) how many of the members are elected by the District Secondary Education Boards and how many are nominated by the Government on the recommendation of the Director of Public Instruction;